

Singleton District Library Association

Term 4 Meeting - 10th August, 2015

Hosted by Benita Van Der Wel at Singleton Public School Library

Attendees:

Aida Granton (Town Library)
Jenna Barwick (Heights)
Martin Gray (SHS)
Karen Holford
Benita Van Der Wel (SPS)

Apologies:

Marjorie Maxwell (Kirkton)

Meeting opened 3:50pm

Business Arising:

1. Library reimaging and furniture supplies
 - Benita has purchased new flip tables from Woods furniture
 - Martin looking to purchase new tables for the High School library - looking at something similar with whiteboard tops for students to create notes and then flip and share with others.(height)
2. Themes for decorating libraries
 - Alice in Wonderland entrance at Singleton Heights PS (Jenna)
 - Gruffalo theme Singleton Heights PS
 - Murder Mystery ideas shared (Benita)
 - Spy theme ideas shared (Benita)
3. Immersive literature - Matt Finch
 - Matt Finch was Author in Residence at Parkes Shire Library . Did a zombie based immersive literature involving local community members and later high school students from surrounding schools.
 - Check out the following links for more information:
 - i. <http://www.abc.net.au/local/videos/2013/10/14/3868601.htm>
 - ii. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=35GPSC1H2V8>
 - iii. <https://open.abc.net.au/explore/31713>
4. Collection Management

- Some schools looking at reducing non-fiction collection.
- Need to keep and highlight the importance of these resources.
- History books do not change. Books often provide a deeper reading experience and improved recollection of information. (Martin)
- Fiction genre vs author for shelving. Pros and cons for both. Some difficulty if it is felt that a book can fall into more than one genre. Town library has books shelved by author with genre stickers on the spine.
- Education about how to use a catalogue can overcome concerns about shelving. (Martin)

5. Town Library

- Schools doing membership drives through various means. Singleton Public School put membership application form in Kindergarten packs but not sure of impact from this.
- Town Library staff happy to visit schools to show students and staff how to use their resources.
- Junior borrowers get no fines and unlimited borrowing.
- Manga language program has a huge variety of languages students can use including "Pirate" which is fun for days such as Talk like a Pirate Day.
- Novelist (accessed) through borrowing allows people to search for similar authors.
- Request for the Town Library to get High School list of novels on eBook. (Martin)
- Request for letter to be written to Town Library requesting that the library website be made more child friendly. Macquarie Regional Library has a very easy to navigate and use website.

6. Oliver

- Feedback from School support staff day provided from Martin. Positive feelings and reports about Oliver. Schools can create their own websites using Oliver. SCIS download times are halved. It is web-based. Auditors have advised schools changing to Oliver this year should not perform a stocktake.

7. Skills needed in High School which should be taught in Primary School

- Students need to be able to login properly.
- Need to know how to create a bibliography- or at least a list of readings

8. Resources

- Readability is no longer available on Google. This allowed students to search for information according to reading level.
- Reading Australia has good information about a range of books.
- Novelist can be found through the Town Library site. Allows you to look for "like" books according to author and genre.

- Common Sense Media has a great Digital Citizenship program. Extends from kindergarten through high school and has a library component. Benita has become the first school teacher accredited with Common Sense Media in Australia and Singleton Public School is the first accredited school in Australia. The website also allows parents and children to search for age appropriate movies, television shows, apps and computer programs and has safety tips.
- ThinkUKnow website has great cybersafety tips and resources. They also run video conferences which can be found through Dart Connections.
- Edmodo can be used for Author talks. Can also include author in class so the children can post work and the author can comment. Authors can be found on Skype for Education and

9. MASLA meeting

- Discussion at meeting covered Book Week, Oliver, what services Maitland libraries offer and a tour of the East Maitland Library.

10. eBooks

- Question of whether schools should introduce eBooks.
- Singleton High School not sure they would be utilised enough to justify cost.
- Singleton Public School considering introducing them either late this year or early next year.
- Wheeler vs Softlink. Two very different systems. Singleton PS felt it was easier to go with fixed price from a budgeting point of view.

11. Technology integration/ BYOD

- Singleton PS have BYOD trial underway. Need to get staff to understand how to integrate technology rather than seeing it as a separate thing or something extra they have to teach. Benita provided an example of a book study where technology was used as a tool in a variety of activities and a non-fiction project also using technology as well as books.

12. Cybersafety project

- Singleton Cybersafety Project. Some meetings have been held. Looking to get something happening for early next year.

13. Future meetings

- Term 4 Week 5 - St Catherine's Catholic College (Robert Parsons)
- Term 1 2016 - Town Library